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FOR AMCONSUL VANCOUVER IMMEDIATE (VIA DEA CIRCUIT)

1. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING TO PRIME MINISTER RIFAI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING.

2. DEAR ZAYD: I AM SENDING WITH THIS MESSAGE, THE DRAFT TEXT WHICH WE HAVE WORKED OUT HERE COVERING THE JOINT COMMISSION ALONG THE LINES OF OUR DISCUSSION. OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR OWN SUGGESTIONS. AT THIS POINT, THE DRAFT IS STILL A WORKING PAPER SUBJECT TO TOP LEVEL POLICY CLEARANCE ON OUR SIDE, AND WE COULD HAVE CHANGES TO SUGGEST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU HERE ON THURSDAY. SINCERELY, TOM.

3. QUOTE. THE JOINT U.S.-JORDANIAN STATEMENT ISSUED JUNE 18 AT THE END OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO AMMAN ANNOUNCED
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THAT JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO ESTABLISH A

JOINT COMMISSION TO OVERSEE AND REVIEW AT A HIGH LEVEL THE VARIOUS AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN FULFILLING THIS AGREEMENT, THE U.S. AND JORDAN HAVE PLEDGED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE OF COOPERATION AND HAVE AGREED ON THE

FOLLOWING CONCRETE STEPS:

THE UNITED STATES AND JORDAN HAVE ESTABLISHED A GENERAL JORDAN-UNITED STATES JOINT COMMISSION UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER AND THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE. THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS COMMISSION WAS HELD DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AUGUST 5-8 DURING WHICH PROMISING AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WERE IDENTIFIED.

THE COMMISSION WILL SPONSOR A MEETING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR TO REVIEW PLANS FOR JORDAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL AREAS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. WORK WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY IN AMMAN AND WASHINGTON TO PREPARE FOR THIS MEETING. THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED AMERICAN PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN JORDAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WAYS OF INCREASING TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MR. DANIEL PARKER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE ECONOMIC MEETING, WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. (JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT NOMINEE.)

THE COMMISSION WILL ARRANGE MEETINGS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATE TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES AND TO ADVANCE PLANNING FOR FUTURE ASSISTANCE. JORDAN'S CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL ZAID BIN SHAKIR, AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS WILL HEAD THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES
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WILL GIVE ATTENTION TO THE MEANS BY WHICH EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE ENHANCED. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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